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1. FERNANDO ZEGERS OF CHILE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, HAS ALREADY SOUNDED OUT AGUILAR ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCCEEDING GALINDO-POHL. AGUILAR TOLD ME THAT HE DECLINED THE OFFER, HAVING PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR AND WITH HIS EMPLOYER PETROVEN THAT HE WOULD SPEND ONLY THE FIRST TWO WEEKS AND THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE SESSION IN NEW YORK. AGUILAR WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO ZEGERS' SUGGESTION THAT SOME ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT TO ALLOW, IN EFFECT, A PART-TIME CHAIRMANSHIP. ZEGERS WAS TO CALL HIM BACK BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

2. IF AGUILAR SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND WE WOULD WELCOME AN EXPRESSION OF USG SUPPORT. HE IS UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED HERE AND STANDS HIGH WITH THE GOV. AGUILAR'S PROBLEM IS THE BURDEN IMPOSED BY HIS MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES. AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PETROVEN HE IS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN GETTING THAT ORGANIZATION OFF THE GROUND. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND HAS PUT IN A GOOD DEAL OF TIME ON THE PREPARATION OF THE CHILE REPORT. HE PURSUES VARIOUS PRIVATE

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ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO HIS KEY ROLE IN THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AGUILAR WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR THE IAHC
MEETING AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE COMMISSION, THE
VENEZUELAN EMBASSY OR AT THE MADISON HOTEL.
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